

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated May 11, 2007 claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 19 were pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 10 and 19. Applicants also acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this Amendment, claim 6 has been amended to be in independent form, and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 canceled, without prejudice, reserving right to prosecution in a continuation application. Therefore, the present Amendment does not generate any new matter or any new issue for that matter. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is solicited pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 6, 10, and 19 are now active in this application, of which claims 6 and 10 are independent.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okado in view of Hennessy, and further in view of Dean.

Applicants note that the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview

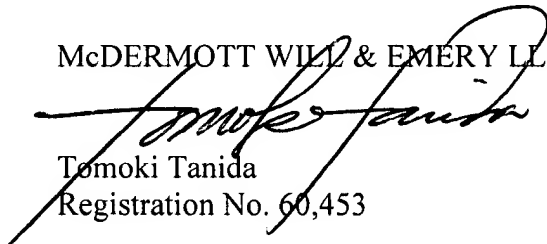
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or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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